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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION

REF: STATE 075525

1. DURING MEETING WITH ACTING MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR
TORNUDD MAY13, DCM NOTED GOF HAD NAMED ALREADY ITS
DELEGATION TO 30TH UNGA AND INQUIRED WHETHER THIS
EARLY NAMING REFLECTED IN ANY WAY GOF PREPARATIONS
FOR 7TH SS.

2. TORNUDD RESPONDED THAT FINNS HAD TRADITION OF
NAMING DELEGATION TO UNGA IN SPRING AS DELEGATION HAD
MUCH LENGTH PREPARATION WHICH WOULD GO ON THROUGHOUT
SUMMER NAMING OF CURRENT FONMIN KARJALAINEN AND
ABSENT HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT ILONIEMI AS HEADS
OF FINNISH UNGA DELEGATION WAS ALSO TRADITITONAL.

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FONMIN AND ILONIEMI WERE NOT EXPECTED TO ATTEND

7TH SS BUT WERE LIKELY TO BE IN NEW YORK ONLY FOR WEEK OR TWO DURING TRADITIONAL GENERAL DEBATE.

3. MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE WAS LIKELY TO HEAD FINNISH DELEGATION TO 7TH SS SINCE THIS EXPECTED TO DEAL PRIMARILY WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS. MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE IN PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS JERMI LAINE, CONSIDERED TO BE LEFT OF CENTER IN FINNISH SDP. IMPOSSIBLE SAY, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF IMMINENT FALL OF SORSA COALITION GOVERNMENT WHO WILL HOLD FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY IN SEPTEMBER.

4. TORNUDD SAID THAT WHILE FINNISH POLICY ON DC/LDC PROBLEMS WAS NOT SO THOROUGHLY EXPOUNDED AS THAT ON EAST/WEST PROBLEMS, THE FINNISH RECORD GAVE A GOOD CLUE TO ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE THIRD WORLD. FINLAND ABOVE ALL SOUGHT TO IDENTIFY WITH OTHER NORDICS ON THIRD WORLD ISSUES. HE UNDERTOOK TO CANVAS FINNISH FOREIGN POLICY LITERATURE TO IDENTIFY ARTICLES WHICH HE THOUGH BEST REFLECTED FOG THINKING ON DC/LDC MATTERS. HE CONCEDED THAT FINLAND CLEARLY BELONGED TO DC GROUPING SINCE IT WAS A MEMBER OF THE DAG.
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